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(*d*) if it is done piecemeal, to what extent and the reasons for the same; if it is by tender, the date for the receipt and disposal of the same;

(*e*) whether the Government propose to call for reports as to the progress of works done till now from the Special Division in charge of the Kattalai Bed Regulator and the High Level Channel scheme; and

(*f*) if there is balance of work in the Kattalai Bed Regulator whether the same has been given on contract by tender, and if so, when, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*).—The sum represents the full amount of the estimate of the whole Kattalai scheme.

(*c*) The works are split into convenient units and they are given out on contract. Tenders are called for in nearly all cases.

(*d*) In the case of some small masonry works tenders are not invited. In other cases where tenders are called for a fortnight to six weeks' time is given for submission of the tenders and they are disposed of immediately after receipt.

(*e*) Weekly progress reports are being received by the Chief Engineer. Government do not propose to call for them.

(*f*) The Government have accepted a tender for the work. Agreement with the successful tenderer will be concluded shortly.

Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the Rs. 20 lakhs and odd represent the cost of the Kattalai Bed Regulator as well as the High Level Channel scheme?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Irrigation projects in the Tinnevelly district considered by the Projects Division formed in 1921.

* 475 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the irrigation projects in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) the names of all projects which have been considered by the Government till now;

(*b*) the names of those projects which have been examined since 1901, and the result of the investigation along with a brief statement of the area proposed to be benefited, the estimated cost and the reasons for the final orders in respect of each;

(*c*) whether the Projects Division formed in 1921 has considered any project in the Tinnevelly district; and

(*d*) whether any project is now under investigation or consideration ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is given in the annexed statement[a].

(*c*) No. The Project Division was formed to examine only such projects as were then under consideration, with a view to

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a final decision being taken on them. The Papanasam Reservoir project was not then ready for examination as gaugings were being taken. The Special Executive Engineer in charge of the Project Division made only a passing reference to it, and no others.

(*d*) Yes. The Papanasam project. Smaller schemes, viz., improvements to Marandai channel and extension of irrigation under Mandaikulam anicut and tank are under consideration by local officers.

Irrigation project for Papanasam, Tinnevelly district.

* 476 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the investigation of an irrigation project for Papanasam; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consult the Tinnevelly public before final orders are passed on this project?

A.—(*a*) The Superintending Engineer has been directed by the Chief Engineer to examine the rainfall records and report on the possibility of taking up the Papanasam reservoir project as an independent irrigation scheme.

(*b*) The question of consulting the ryots concerned will be considered.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" With reference to clause (*a*) of this question, may I know how long the matter has been under the consideration of the Government? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice."

Progress of the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district.

* 477 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) the total area within the scope of the investigation with particulars for each basin, major and minor;

(*b*) the area that has been fully investigated up to now, with particulars as aforesaid;

(*c*) the works which have been executed in pursuance of the proposals and estimates prepared as a result of the investigation;

(*d*) the works for which estimates have been prepared, but not sanctioned for execution till now; and the works sanctioned and not executed;

(*e*) the works in respect of which execution is in progress; and

(*f*) what the Government propose to do to resume the investigation work which has been left incomplete?